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Office Action Summary

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Examiner Christopher Grant	Art Unit 2611

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Period for Reply

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.

2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-25 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1-25 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.

11) The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) approved b) disapproved.

12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

13) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

a) All b) Some* c) None of:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

14) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

15) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

18) Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____

16) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

19) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

17) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). ✓

20) Other:

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DETAILED ACTION

Reissue Applications

Oath/Declaration

1. The oath or declaration is defective. A new oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.67(a) identifying this application by application number and filing date is required. See MPEP §§ 602.01 and 602.02.

The oath or declaration is defective because:

- (a) The oath or declaration must state that "*all errors being corrected in the reissue application up to the time of the filing of the oath or declaration arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicant*". See 37 CFR 1.175 (a)(2).
- (b) The oath or declaration must state that the person signing has reviewed and understands the contents of the specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to in the oath or declaration as required under 37 CFR 1.63 (b) (1).

2. Claims 1-25 are rejected as being based upon a defective reissue declaration under 35 U.S.C. 251 as set forth above. See 37 CFR 1.175.

The nature of the defect(s) in the is set forth in the discussion above in this Office action.

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3. The original patent, or an affidavit or declaration as to loss or inaccessibility of the original patent, must be received before this reissue application can be allowed. See 37 CFR 1.178.

The original ribboned copy of the patent has not been surrendered. See MPEP 1416.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

5. Claims 1-5, 11, 13 and 21-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Onagawa (provided by applicant with IDS filed 9/8/2000).

Considering claims 1, 4 and 21, Onagawa discloses a method for recovering a correct phase and frequency clock for an analog video signal that is converted for display on a digital display comprising:

- a) generating a pixel clock (output of VCO 6, figures 3, 5 or 6);
- b) converting an analog video signal to a digital video signal (1) (figures 3, 5, or 6);
- c) estimating an expected width (E) of an image producible by the analog video signal ("required video data interval", col. 5, lines 28-40, col. 6, lines 5-52 and col. 7, lines 8-45);

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- d) determining an actual width (W) of an image producible by the digital video signal ("effective video interval", see the entire reference including but not limited to col. 5, lines 28-40, col. 6, lines 5-52 and col. 7, lines 8-45); and
- e) iteratively adjusting the digital video signal (performed by circuits 3,4,5,6,7) until the actual width (effective video interval) equals the expected width (required video data interval).

Claims 2, 5 and 22 are met by the functions performed by A/D (1) and circuits (3-7).

Claims 3, 13 and 23 are met by frequency the functions performed by circuit (3,7) and (4-6) respectively.

Claim 11 is met by one or more of the functions performed by circuits (3,7) and/or circuit (22, figure 5).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

6. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

7. Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Onagawa.

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Considering claim 8, Onagawa discloses a register for storing expected width (E) (required video data interval). However, he fails to specifically disclose a look up table as recited in the claim.

The examiner takes Official Notice that it is notoriously well known in the art to utilize a look-up table (rows and columns of data) for automatically retrieving stored data for processing based upon an input argument or parameter.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary in the art to modify Onagawa's system (if necessary) to include a look-up table for the typical advantage of automatically retrieving stored data for processing based upon an input parameter.

Conclusion

8. Any response to this action should be mailed to:

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9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Chris Grant whose telephone number is (703) 305-4755. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:00am to 5:00 pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew Faile, can be reached on (703) 305-4380.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to customer service whose telephone number is (703) 306 0377.

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Primary Examiner

January 12, 2002